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6 May 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 6 May 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr, Mr. Irwin,

Mr. Murphy, Mr. Saccio, Mr. Smith

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2. Radioactive Fallout

There was general discussion of the recent testimony before the Joint Atomic Energy Subcommittee on Fallout, with particular reference to the announced comparison between the amount of radioactivity put into the atmosphere by the Soviets and by the U.S., respectively. There was a general feeling that this information would have a bad effect abroad.

3. Proposal for a Freedom Commission and a Joint Committee on Cold War Strategy

Mr. Dulles read the Group most of a memorandum (written by Mr. Kirkpatrick) outlining the background and implications of a number of bills introduced in Congress along the above lines. It was agreed

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that the passage of any one of these bills could result in a considerable amount of duplication and would have other undesirable effects and it was felt that the Executive Branch should not stand by passively and do nothing to oppose these bills. It was pointed out particularly that the OCB should make sure that it centinues its business in such a manner as not to permit any criticism that a vacuum exists which must be filled by somebody of this nature.

The Executive Officer was instructed to get together all the information available about these bills and related subjects (such as Senator Jackson's recent speech to the National War College).

Mr. Gray said that Gerald Morgan of the White House was following this matter closely. He also said that there are some indications that certain members of Congress might be about to propose an investigation of the NSC.

Tibet

Mr. Allen said that USIA had been requested to distribute 55,000 copies of the Tibetan issue of "October 23", published by the Hungarian Petofi Circle in Exile, and that he had declined to do this.

The DCI commented that the activities of the Tibetan Committee would bear some watching. Also, that General Gruenther was prepared to give some assistance to the Indian Red Cross to help with Tibetan refugees if the American Red Cross were requested to do so. Mr. Saccio asked whether the group felt that PL 480 agricultural commodities could be of assistance in this situation; the Board felt that this could be useful, but that it would be preferable to make such supplies available through the Red Cross rather than direct.

India-Pakistan Relations

Mr. Smith referred to the interest expressed at the NSC about improving relations between India and Pakistan, inquiring whether the OCB could be of assistance in preparing a special study or otherwise. Mr. Murphy said that the State Department has not yet come to firm policy conclusions in this case, and he therefore felt that any action by the OCB might be premature.

Director

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